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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Hiroyuki KURUMATANI  
Serial No.: 09/468,948  
Filed: December 22, 1999  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ELLIPTIC CURVE  
CRYPTOGRAPHY AND RECORDING MEDIUM THEREFOR  
Group: 2137  
Examiner: D. Meislahn

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL - EXPEDITED**  
**PROCEDURE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 2, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2004, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 3, 2004, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.